and for improving the quality of cotton, increase in production, marketing and its processing in the country;

(b) if so, the details of its main functions and the time by which the said Mission is likely to start functioning;

(c) the details of places where the main centres of this Mission are likely to be set up particularly in Gujarat;

(d) the number of persons appointed for the functioning of this Mission initiallyalongwith the responsibilities assigned to them;

(e) whether any amount has been allocated for the functioning of this Minssion; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI) : (a) to (f) The proposal to set up technology mission on cotton is under consideration and details are being worked out.

[Translation]

Use of Hindi

2044. SHRI JAGDAMBI PRASAD YADAV : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of meetings of Hindi Consultative Committee held after its recommendations two years back;

(b) whether the Rajbhasha is being neglected intentionally;

(c) is so, the reasons therefor ;

(d) the number of Magazines/Pamphlets published in Hindi by departments and undertakings under the Ministry ;

(e) whether their special issue would be published in the Golden Jubilee Year ; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) Hindi Salahakar Samittee of the Ministry was reconstituted on 24th April, 1997, after the expiry of term of previous samittee. Meeting of fhe reconstituted Salahakar Samittee is proposed to be held shortly.

(b) No, Sir. As far as possible, the Official Language Act, Official Language Rules, 1976 and orders issued under them by Department of Official Language are duly being implemented in the Ministry.

(c) Question does not arise.

(d) to (f) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

[English]

Cotton Technology Mission

2045. SHRI NAMDEO DIWATHE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned 'Centre to set up cotton technology mission upgradation fund' appearing in *'Business Standard'* dated July 9, 1997;

(b) if so, the details of the proposals cleared or under consideration of the Government with the implementation thereof ;

(c) whether the Government have formulated any action plan for implementation of said mission and any role assigned to the State agencies thereunder during 1997-98;

(d) if so, the details thereof ;

(e) whether the Government have received any representation/suggestions from the cotton growers/State Governments on the proposed mission in the country ; and

(f) if so, the details therof and the action taken by the Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI) : (a) to (f) Yes, Sir. The proposal to set up technology mission is under consideration and details are being worked out.

Ganga Action Plan

2046. SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA :
SHRI SATYAJITSINH DULIPSINH GAEKWAD :

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether despite implementation of the Ganga Action Plan and other such plans for cleaning of rivers the water of most of the rivers in that State including the Ganga Yamuna, Gomti and Saryu is unfit for human consumption;

(b) if so, the progress in implementation of the plans for cleaning the national rivers ; and

(c) the expenditure incurred so far thereon and the reasons for continued pollution of these rivers ?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (PROF. SAIFUDDIN SOZ) : (a) Under the Ganga Action Plan, which was started in 1985, only about 38% of the

present pollution load reaching the river was taken up. The remaining works have been taken up under the second phase of the Ganga Action Plan, which has already been started. Impact of the Action Plans on improving the water quality of the river can be expected only after all the works are completed. The Yamuna Action plan was approved in April, 1993 and after preparation of the project reports etc. the actual work on the Action Plan started in 1995 only. Its impact on the water quality of Yamuna can be expected by March, 1999 by which time Action Plan is targetted for completion. Major works on the river Gomti have not yet begun due to delay in finalisation of Master Plan by the Consultants of the Government of U.K. who propose to fund this Action Plan. Pollution abatement of river Saryu has not been taken up under the on-going river Action Plan.

(b) and (c) The details of the approved cost and expenditure incurred on the implementation of cleaning programme of National rivers taken up under the Ganga Action Plan and the National River Conservation Plan is given in the attached Statement. Pollution in the rivers covered under these plans can be expected to be contained only after all works undertaken are completed.

Statement

(Rs. in Crores)

Sl. No.	State	River	Approved Cost	Funds Released (Till 30.06.97)
GANGA ACTION PLAN PHASE- I				
1.	U.P.	Ganga	199.95	185.64
2.	Bihar	Ganga	57.30	53.51
3.	West Bengal	Ganga	188.05	185.04
	Total		445.30	424.19
NATIONAL RIVER CONSERVATION PLAN *				
1.	Andhra Pradesh	Godavari	53.79	3.81
2.	Gujarat	Sabarmati	98.70	4.77
3.	Karnataka	Tunga, Tungabhadra, Kabini	29.00	2.05
4.	Madhya Pradesh	Khan, Tapti, Kshipra Betwa, Narmada, Wanganga, Chambal	106.59	4.61
5.	Maharashtra	Krishna, Godavari	117.33	1.57
6.	Orissa	Mahanadi, Brahmini	24.85	0.15
7.	Punjab	Satluj	229.38	10.81
8.	Rajasthan	Chambal	13.94	0.18
9.	Tamil Nadu	Cauvery	38.20	1.95
10.	Bihar	Subarnrekha	32.22	1.46
	Total		742.00	31.36

*(Rs in Crores)

Sl. No.	State	River	Approved Cost	Funds Released (Till 30.06.97)
YAMUNA ACTION PLAN				
1.	Haryana	Yamuna	232.20	14.83
2.	Delhi	Yamuna	20.61	6.69
3.	U.P.	Yamuna	213.75	31.26
	Total		466.56	112.78
GOMATI ACTION PLAN				
1.	Lucknow	Gomati	50.29	
2.	Sultanpur	Gomati	4.91	5.40
3.	Jaunpur	Gomati	5.81	
	Total		61.01	5.40
DAMODAR ACTION PLAN				
1.	Bihar	Damodar	10.75	0.13
2.	W.B.	Damodar	12.62	0.11
	Total		23.37	0.24
GANGA ACTION PLAN PHASE-II (MAIN STEM)				
1.	U.P.	Ganga	198.17	2.499
2.	Bihar	Ganga	27.55	1.355
3.	W.B.	Ganga	172.48	2.284
	Total		416.36	6.138
GANGA ACTION PLAN (SUPREME COURT CASES)				
1.	U.P.	Ganga	51.77	0.70
2.	Bihar	Ganga	7.13	0.14
3.	W.B.	Ganga	161.73	2.26
	Total		220.63	3.10

* Figures of fund released under these Action Plan indicate the 50% share of the Government of India.